Self Employment to educated unemployed rural youth through SSI

3391. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any necessary steps are being taken by Government for providing self-employment to the educated rural unemployed youths by setting up Small Scale Industries in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government are encouraging Small Industries in the different parts of the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government has taken several measures to encourage small scale industries which include special focus on areas such as technology upgradation, timely availability of credit, adoption of modern management practices, use of electronic infrastructure and other information Technology (IT) applications, marketing assistance and timely information dissemination including sensitization of small industries to the emerging challenges of trade liberalisation. Policy programmes such as National Programmes for rural industrialization (NPRI) with an objective to set up 100 rural clausters each year and the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana has been launched with special emphasis on the promotion of industry and self employment opportunities in rural and backward areas. A credit guarantee fund scheme has been announced to guarantee repayment of loans extended by banks up to Rs. 10.00 lakhs without collaterls.

(d) Does not arise in view of (b) and (c) above.

Agro and Rural Industries in Jammu and Kashmir

3392. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) investment made in Jammu and Kashmir State for Agro and Rural Industries till date;